

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King (R-IA), a member of the House Judiciary Committee, today released the following statement on the Supreme Court's decision in *McDonald v. Chicago*. This decision applies the Constitution's Second Amendment guarantee of the right to bear arms to laws made at the state and local levels.

**"The Second Amendment to the Constitution clearly states that we have a right 'to keep and bear arms.' This right was enshrined in the Constitution by our Founding Fathers and must not be infringed. Today's Supreme Court decision was a victory for the Second Amendment. The Court upheld the Constitution and affirmed our right to bear arms at the federal, state and local levels," said King.**

**"At the same time, today's 5-4 decision reveals that our second amendment rights are one vote away from being lost, and it highlights the need to put strict constructionists on the court instead of activist liberals like Elena Kagan. Obama would not nominate a justice to any federal court who holds the conviction that the Constitution means what it says, including Kagan."**

